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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-249-C - ORDER NO. 97-512



JUNE 13, 1997

IN RE: Request of D. Michael Windham, Assistant) ORDER Principal, Fort Dorchester High School,) GRANTING 8500 Lincoln Boulevard, North Charleston,) WAIVER SC 29420, for Waiver of COCOT Guidelines.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the May 30, 1997 letter of Fort Dorchester High School which requests that the rates on their four (4) pay telephones be changed to 25¢ with a time limit of three (3) minutes. The reasons for the request, according to the Assistant Principal, are constant discipline problems and excessive misuse of the payphones. The school states that it is necessary to have some control over these phones, and due to the present unlimited time, this is impossible. The pay telephone numbers involved are (803) 767-9555, (803) 767-3888, (803) 767-0430, and (803) 207-9947.

The Commission has examined this matter, and notes that a rate of 25¢ per four (4) minute increment has been approved for pay telephones in the past. We think that the 25¢ for four (4) minute increment is more appropriate than a 25¢ three (3) minute increment time limit. We therefore approve a rate change to 25¢ per four (4) minute increment on the four pay telephones listed

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above.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman Butta

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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